

Clinical Operations Policy 608

Criteria for Hearing Evaluation Prior to Speech-Language Evaluations

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Policy: All children younger than 36 months of age at the time of the evaluation who are scheduled for a speech-language evaluation must be seen for a hearing evaluation or submit a recent hearing evaluation (to include hearing sensitivity and middle ear function) from a licensed audiologist/professional.

Procedure:

I. Audiologic Testing at Another Facility

- a. External hearing evaluations are reviewed by an audiology faculty member and are evaluated on completeness and reliability that qualifies hearing is appropriate for communication.
- b. The audiologist will discuss with the speech-language pathologist any recommendations for further audiological testing prior to the scheduled speech-language evaluation.

II. No Previous Testing

- a. If hearing test results are not available or the audiologist determines that external results obtained are incomplete, a hearing test is scheduled prior to or in conjunction with the speech-language evaluation.